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In response to the Official Action dated November 27, 2002, please amend the present Dear Sir: application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 22 to read as follows:

(Fifth Amendment) A method for treating a patient having Metabolic Syndrome comprising Primary Insulin Resistance and abdominal/visceral obesity to decrease insulin resistance, wherein said method comprises administering to said patient growth hormone or a functional derivative thereof in an amount effective for decreasing insulin resistance of said patient.